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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
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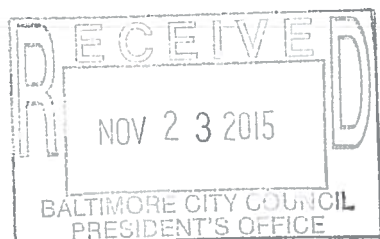
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 15-0591 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the City’s Solid Waste Management Plan for 2013-2023 to include certain supplemental information required by the State; provide for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Solid Waste Management plan for Baltimore City.

The Annotated Code of Maryland and the Code of Maryland Regulations (Environment Article § 9-503 and COMAR 26.03.03 respectively) require each county and Baltimore City to adopt, maintain, and periodically amend or revise a comprehensive solid waste management plan that covers at least the succeeding ten year period. Resolution 14-019 adopted the most recent iteration of the Solid Waste Management Plan for 2013-2023. The Plan identifies goals for managing the City’s solid waste streams, summarizes the laws and regulations that govern solid waste management, describes the City government structure necessary to carry out the management, and provides a future management plan. The plan also assesses the existing solid waste collection and disposal systems, both public and private; disposal capacity needs now and into the future; the current and future use of the landfill, waste-to-energy plant, and transfer station; regional approaches to solid waste management and waste disposal; waste prevention, separation, and reduction; and emergency response systems.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has since directed the City to add certain clarifications and new information to the Plan to keep the document current until the next triennial update. The amendments include the following:

- Private solid waste and recycling facilities operating in the City must be listed in the Plan. The MDE requested that the City quantify the amount of solid waste or recycling materials that were collected by these facilities in 2011 and note the anticipated life span of these businesses. This clarifying information is found on pages 43 through 47 of the Plan.



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- Two private solid waste facilities located in Baltimore are going through a transitional phase. Both of these facilities are working with MDE since their changes will either require or alter a State-issued permit. These permits require that the businesses be included in the City's Solid Waste Management Plan and their information remain current.
 - Chesapeake Compost Works, Inc. is in the Plan as a composting facility situated within a warehouse building on Curtis Avenue. However, the business has stopped accepting material for composting at this location and will be moving to a new location near Fort Armistead Road. The property is under contract and has recently been given the address of 6301 Thoms Road. This new information has been amended into the plan and is found on page 45 of the document.
 - A business known as TJP Recovery Processing Facility has applied to MDE for a waste processing facility permit. The business is located at 4300 Shannon Drive and is an operating construction company at this address. Should MDE issue the permit, the company would be able to accept clean dirt, clean concrete, and clean brick, at their location. This new information has been amended into the Plan and is found on page 62 of the document.
- During the 2014 Maryland General Assembly Session a bill was passed that requires special event organizers to add recycling as a service at their events hosted on public streets or at public sites. The State now requires that this new provision be included in the solid waste management plans. As a result, a new section has been added to the plan that describes the City's Special Event Recycling Plan, found on pages 39 through 41 of the document and supported by new appendices G and H.

The Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 15-0591.

Sincerely,


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Director